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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:pages 1-4, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____ the claims:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages 5, filed with the letter of 15/10/2004 the drawings:pages 1/5-5/5, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____ the sequence listing part of the description:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets _____

5.

 This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1) US 2001-10898 A1
- D2) US 6428315 B1
- D3) US 6394802 B1
- D4) KR 272753 Y1

I-Novelty:

Claim 1 of the present invention is concerned with a dental tray comprising tray main body with a protrusion and a bridging recess, connection segment made of transparent synthetic resin with a bridging groove and a bridging recess. Although D1 cited in the international search report discloses impression tray device with removable segments for dental implant transfers, the presence of a protrusion and a bridging recess that are formed at a predetermined interval along the both side walls and the opened portion. And also, D2-D4 cited in the international search report do not refer to the connection segment having a bridging groove and a bridging recess formed on the both connection portions. Accordingly, the subject matter of claim 1 seems to be novel.(PCT Article 33(2)).

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Supplemental Box
(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of:

V.

II-Inventive step:

1) Concerning claim 1 (Independent claim)

The references D1-D4 do not disclose a dental tray comprising tray main body with a protrusion and a bridging recess, connection segment made of transparent synthetic resin with a bridging groove and a bridging recess. In addition, it is not obvious from the references D1-D4 by the skilled person in the art. Consequently, there is no suggestion in any of the references, either alone or in combination, which would lead to the solution posed by the present invention. Therefore, claim 1 of the present invention meets the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(3).

Claim 1 meets the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), because it is directed to an industrially applicable dental tray.